



FOIA for Human Resources

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Re: FOIA for Human Resources

Dear Ms. Lopez:

I have been forwarded your e-mail requesting "payroll and benefits" for employees of Los Angeles County. The County paymaster is the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller, Wendy L. Watanabe, and your inquiry was referred to me from the Department of Human Resources.

If you need only generic payroll and benefits information, you can obtain it by navigating to the County salary ordinance (Title 7) from the online Los Angeles County Code:

<http://search.municode.com/html/16274/index.htm>. If you want employee-specific information, Los Angeles County provided an Excel-format database of its more than 100,000 employees' compensation relatively recently (October, 2010) to the Bay Area News Group, various affiliates of whom have posted the information online. (For example, see: <http://www.contracostatimes.com/southern-california-salaries>.)

Note that California law permits withholding salary and benefits information for a limited number of employees, such as undercover peace officers, who require anonymity for safety reasons.

If you want a copy of the Excel database provided to the Bay Area News Group, we can provide it to you within a few days time, subject to your capacity to receive a sizable attachment.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed.

Very truly yours,

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